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PLANNING
LOK SABHA

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BPL POPULATION IN GUJARAT
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Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

(a) the percentage of rural population living Below Poverty Line (BPL) at present in Gujarat;

(b) the comparative figures, State-wise of the BPL population as of All India averages; and (

(c) the steps being taken or proposed to be taken to reduce the percentage of BPL population?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES, MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY O PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES & PENSIONS, MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF ATOMIC ENERGY AND SPACE (SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE)

(a): Based on the data from the latest large sample survey of the 55th Round on household consumer expenditure conducted by the National Sample Survey Organisation (NSSO), 13.17 per cent of the rural population live below poverty line in Gujarat in 1999- 2000.

(b): The state-wise figures of the percentage of rural population living below poverty line in 1999-2000, along with the All-India estimate are given in the Annexure.

(c): There is a three-pronged action to alleviate and reduce the poverty in the country. These are:
(i) acceleration of economic growth,
(ii) human, and social development through literacy, education, health, nutrition, meeting of the minimum needs, elevation of social and economic status of the weaker sections of the society, etc., and
(iii) direct attack on poverty through employment and income generating programmes and assets-building for the poor.

ANNEXURE

Annexure to part (b) of Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No. 3464 for answer on 11.12.2002

Percentage of Rural Population Living Below Poverty Line in 1999-2000

No.	States/U.T.`s	% of Persons
1.	Andhra Pradesh	11.05
2.	Arunachal Pradesh	40.04
3.	Assam	40.04
4.	Bihar	44.30
5.	Goa	1.35
6.	Gujarat	13.17
7	Haryana	8.27
8.	Himachal Pradesh	7.94
9.	Jammu & Kashmir	3.97
10.	Karnataka	17.38

11. Kerala 9.38
12. Madhya Pradesh 37.06
13. Maharashtra 23.72
14. Manipur 40.04
15. Meghalaya 40.04
16. Mizoram 40.04
17. Nagaland 40.04
18. Orissa 48.01
19. Punjab 6.35
20. Rajasthan 13.74
21. Sikkim 40.04
22. Tamil Nadu 20.55
23. Tripura 40.04
24. Uttar Pradesh 31.22
25. West Bengal 31.85
26. A & N Island 20.55
27. Chandigarh 5.75
28. Dadra & Nagar Haveli 17.57
29. Daman & Diu 1.35
30. Delhi 0.40
31. Lakshadweep 9.38
32. Pondicherry 20.55

All India 27.09

Notes:-

1. Poverty Ratio of Assam is used for Sikkim, Arunachal Pradesh,Meghalaya, Mizoram,Manipur,Nagaland and Tripura.

2. Poverty Line of Maharashtra and expenditure distribution of Goa is used to estimate poverty ratio of Goa.

3. Poverty Line of Himachal Pradesh and expenditure distribution of Jammu & Kashmir is used to estimate poverty ratio of Jammu & Kashmir.

4. Poverty Ratio of Tamil Nadu is used for Pondicherry and A & N Island.

5. Urban Poverty Ratio of Punjab used for both rural and urban poverty of Chandigarh.
6. Poverty Line of Maharashtra and expenditure distribution of Dadra & Nagar Haveli is used to estimate poverty ratio of Dadra & Nagar Haveli.

7 Poverty Ratio of Goa is used for Daman & Diu.

8. Poverty Ratio of Kerala is used for Lakshadweep.